

Check with Larry Houston  
produced info he had given  
job to John Warner who found  
it couldn't be done in couple  
of hours. Contact with  
John Warner confirmed he  
almost ready - hopefully  
by end of week.

Check with DeZetgen - he  
will check specifically on  
astronaut situation so we  
can reach on this to D.C.I.

Both Warner + DeZetgen agree  
we should meet when Warner  
set - incl Wattle - to decide  
when to go. Also to put  
young group on going as indicated.

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Bob Wattles had earlier  
identified   
as his man if we organize  
a team.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Medical Services for Dependents

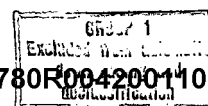
1. On 21 September 1970, Colonel White convened a meeting with Mr. Houston, Dr. Tietjen, Mr. Wattles, [ ] and the under-  
signed to discuss an extended medical benefits program. Colonel White  
stated that the Director had expressed the desire that we move positively  
to determine what could be done for Agency employees and dependents to  
provide medical benefits such as those available to military families. The  
Director had indicated his interest as stemming from knowledge of the  
financially crippling effect of major medical problems. The Director had  
specifically asked that the astronauts program be checked to determine  
what, if any, special benefits were available to these men and their families.

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2. Colonel White noted the existence of the "CHAMPUS" program  
under which military personnel can use civilian hospitals with most of the  
charges being reimbursable. Mr. Wattles undertook to explore this  
through MMPD. Colonel White also asked Mr. Houston to look at the  
legal basis for the military medical system.

3. Dr. Tietjen noted that his reviews showed that the CIA and  
Foreign Service medical programs were better than those of any civilian  
organization and perhaps better than any U. S. Government system other  
than the military.

4. Colonel White then passed to us the job of carrying through on  
this matter, saying that he merely wished to set the stage and the tone in  
this initial meeting. He then suggested that we be prepared to send for-  
ward a paper on NASA within two weeks. Earlier on Colonel White sug-  
gested indirectly a sixty-day deadline on a general response.



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